Pamplin

Pamplin, June 8.- Mrs. Carl Evans and daughter, Judy, of New Jersey, spent several days last week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClenny, Misses Janice Ruth and Mary McClenny attended the commencement exercises at V. P. I. Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs .Martin Curry and family, of Washington, D. C., visited relatives here last week.

Mr .and Mrs .Stuart Farrar spent several days this week in New York.

Mrs. W. B. Ford spent last week with relatives in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Frank Gilliam was hostess to the B. W. C. of Elon Baptist Church Monday evening.

Mrs. N. L. McClenny, Mrs. E. N. Harvey and son, Wilson, and Bobby McClenny spent several days this week in the home of Mrs. F. C. Miller, of Locust Hill.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black and Miss Mary Rives Black spent several days this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Andes, of Bealeston.

Mr. and Mrs .C. W. Slayton, and C. W. Jr. attended the reunion in the home of Mr .and Mrs. Leonard Slayton, of Farmville, on Sunday. At the reunion were relatives from Annapolis, Md.; Richmond, Petersburg, Danville, Martinsville, Roanoke, Lynchburg and Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Suits, of Danville spent Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton, of Pamplin.

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ECONOMIST PREDICTS BEEF PRICE IN '60 TO DECLINE

Will 1960 be a year of boom or bust for cattle prices?

This question — of interest to farmer and consumer alike — brings forth the prediction from R. O. Russell, livestock marketing specialist at VPI, that if the present rate of expansion in production continues, price drops are the prospect for 1960.

The January - April slaughter rate suggests that cattle numbers on farms may increase 4 to 5 million head by next January, Russell says. Such an increase exceeds the rate of growth in population and represents a substantial build-up in the beef supply for the future. An increase of this size would be close to the rate of expansion in 1951 and 1952 when numbers rose 6 million each year with severe price declines in 1953.

Another factor in the year ahead will be the substantial increases in both pork and poultry meats at lower prices, which will provide increased competition for the consumer's dollar, Russell said.

Meanwhile, cattle going to market this year are either the best or the worst — highly finished fed cattle or culls. This usually would imply lower prices for fed animals. However, market supplies of all other cattle are small which has supported prices for fed cattle.

All characteristics of a cattle boom are in evidence — reduced slaughter with increased inventories available for slaughter, the holding back of cows and calves, and rising prices. So the prospect for price declines when marketings catch up with production is clearly evidenced.

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, June 9.- We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Myrtle Woody is on the sick list.

Mr .and Mrs. R. A. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Grayson Ramsey and daughter, Lynn, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nicholas, Mrs. R. L. Abbott, and Mr. Charlie Abott, of Madison Heights, all visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Woodson on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Juddy Glover celebrated her birthday last Thursday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Tolley and family, of Lynchburg. Her children gave her a surprise dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin and children, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ferguson Sunday.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edell Martin Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Patterson and children, Miss Dolly Lee Ferguson and Donny Ferguson, Mrs. Eunice Ann Simms and Mr. Arthur Almond.

Mr .and Mrs .Herbert Greene and Miss Audrey Lee Anderson, of Farmville were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Juddy Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ferguson called to see Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wooten, of Appomattox, on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds were visiting in Lynchburg Sunday evening.

Mrs. Eunice Ann Simms was dinner guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs. David Garrett and family Sunday.

SPOUT SPRING, ROUTE 1

We were proud to see the nice rains, as they were needed very much.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Walter Carson is ill at this time, and hope he will soon be well.

Well, another new home is being built at the old Goodman place, on 460.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler visited Mr .Walter Carson one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cyrus, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gilbert and daughter spent Sunday in Lynchburg with Mrs. Hamlette..

Herman Barlow, from Farmville, and H. C. Cooper and family, of Altavista called on the W. D. Kraatz family over the week-end.

Little Brad Wheeler is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Bonnie Gilbert is spending this week in Buena Vista with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert.

Homemakers Items

Breakfast too often follows an unexciting pattern, say Extension specialists.

They suggest a few ways to get variety into breakfasts. Vary cooked fruit flavor. Sprinkle applesauce with cinnamon or other spice, or wish raisins or chopped dried fruit. Add orange or lemon slices to prunes, figs, or dried peaches.

Scramble eggs with tomatoes. To serve six, beat together 6 eggs and a cupful of cooked or canned tomatoes. Season, and cook in a little fat over low heat, stirring constantly, until firm.

Broil or fry tomatoes — red or green— and serve with bacon.

Split left-over biscuits, muffins, or corn bread; butter or margarine; and put under the broiler or in the oven. Or toast them by putting crisp toast on top of toasted rolls.

Use stale bread in a favorite—French toast, for example, dipped in a mixture of milk, egg and tomato juice, and fried lightly in a little fat.

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About The Home

By Frances Dell

There is one fact about American yards that always brings comment from visitors from other countries. The lack of fences to mark property lines seems to amaze them.

Perhaps the happy-go lucky, trusting nature of most Americans accounts for this: whatever the cause, most landscape designers agree that one of the basic requirements of an attractive yard is a border of some kind — be it an evergreen hedge or a brick, stone or wooden fence.

This border is compared to the frame for a picture. The choice of border is endless. The major consideration is the architectural design of your home. A house of formal, imposing design, should not be bordered by a picket fence. A Cape Cod type home, on the other hand, makes a lovely picture when bordered with a picket fence.

Many new designs in fence construction have come into use with the modern house. Woven wooden fences and louvered fences are good examples.

Often a fence or border of evergreen is important to insure privacy. An evergreen border is beautiful, but requires more attention and space than a fence.

Every yard needs a service area in which to hang clothes to dry, rugs to sun, and keep garbage cans

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Trouble "Shooters"

Stretch Taylor, captain of the high school basketball team, thought up a great way to keep the new schoolyard clean.

The teachers were having trouble keeping the kids from leaving their ice cream wrappers, empty milk cartons and paper napkins in the area after lunch and after school . . . in spite of the handy trash cans.

So Stretch got the idea of equipping each can with a small basketball backboard and a sign saying "Shoot a basket." From the way the trash problem disappeared, our school should have a basketball powerhouse next season.

From where I sit, every problem needs just one good solution. For instance, it occurs to me that in getting along with our neighbors, *tolerance* is the solution. That means that your choice of tea should be honored just the same as my preference for a glass of beer. Makes for a "high scoring" combination in the friendship department.

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Rocks

Rocks, June 8.- Farmers are busy cutting and baling hay. Wheat cutting is going around the corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Paulette, of Lynchburg were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and family and Mrs. D. R. Inge on Sunday afternoon.

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Mr. Baldwin went to Randolph-Macon Academy Sunday to attend Rev. Andrew W. Wilkerson, who delivered the commencement address to the graduates there.

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Velda and Billy Bentjen. of Lynchburg are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Garland Crews, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin, Jo Anne and Eddie, of Lynchburg and Mrs .J .T .Morris were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin and Gloria.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin and family on Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Tom Moore is in the Lynchburg General Hospital for treatment for injuries received while at work on Monday. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr .Hermon Moore visited Mr. R. C. Moore in Appomattox on Tuesday.

Beckham

Beckham, June 9.- Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Jr., Judy and Ricky were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin.

Miss Merilyn Kay Martin spent the week-end with Miss Faye Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin Phil and Patricia, of Richmond, spent the week-end with Mrs. T. M. Martin and Miss Ernice Martin. Visiting as guests in this home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin and sons, Sam and Charles; Clay Bell, R. B .Martin, Bently Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jutson Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Martin.

PLAN NOW FOR NEXT YEAR'S FEED SUPPLY FOR YOUR CATTLE

Now is a good time to plan next year's feeding program for dairy cattle, says Dr. V. L. Baldwin, dairy specialist at VPI.

He points out that much of the feed supply for next year is produced this year. If you won't produce enough yourself, you can save money by buying feeds when they are low in price.

There are some definte steps to follow in estimating feed needs. Decide how many days of good grazing you can expect from pasture. Subtract this number from the total number of days in the year, to find the number of days other feeds must be supplied. Remember higher producing cows will need additional feed on pasture. However, if only days in the best part of the pasture season are figured, presumably the grass eaten during the period of limited grass will substitute for the additional feed needed during the lush period.

How much will a cow eat? Assuming a full feed of forage, a cow will eat according to her body weight. On excellent quality forage she will eat three pounds of hay, or nine pounds of silage, or twelve pounds of green chop or grass every day for each 100 pounds that she weighs. In combinations of these feeds, regardless of quality, substitutions can be made at the rate of four pounds of green chop or three pounds of silage for one pound of hay. Tables are available from county agents which indicate the amount of concentrates needed each day on different qualities of forage and different amounts of milk production. On poorer quality forage cows will not eat as much and will need to get the extra nutrients from some other source such as concentrates.

Decide how much of your feed you can grow, and how much you will need to buy. Dr. Baldwin says that by knowing in advance your expected needs, you can save as much as 25 per cent or more of the cost of some feeds by buying them when they are plentiful.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents .Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers).

Q. When is the proper time to propagate boxwood?

A. Boxwood can be propagated easily from cuttings, which will take root almost any time of the year. If you put the cuttings outside, do it between July 15 and September 15.

Q. Will you damage corn if you use 2,4-D to control weeds when the corn is one to two inches tall?

A. Not if you use it at the recommended rate for post-emergence treatment. Don't use the high rate recommended for pre-emergence at this time.

Q. Why did my pre-emergence spray for corn not work as well this year as it did last year?

A. Many things can influence the effectiveness of the spray. Weather conditions, for instance, have a pronounced effect, and you can't expect the same results year after year.

Q. How late can I plant corn and make a good crop?

A. Plant in time to harvest before frost. There are short - season varieties which will mature in about 90 days. Although they do not generally yield as well as the full-season varieties, they are satisfactory. Consut your county agent about varieties adapted to your area.

Q. If I spray alfalfa stubble for weevil control, will one application be enough?

A. You may have to spray twice.

Q. How long should I wait after spraying forage crops for weevil control before I harvest?

A. At least seven days.

Q. Is there a vaccine which will prevent pneumonia in hogs?

A. No.

Q. A sooty - looking substance is in patches on my lawn? What is it, and will it do any harm?

A. It is commonly called "slime mold," and will appear after extended periods of hot, humid weather. It does no harm and will go away as soon as the soil dries.

Q. What is a motled-faced Montana ewe?

A. A cross between a black-faced ram and a white-faced ewe.

Q. At what stage should red clover be harvested?

A. From 1-4 to 1-2 bloom.

Q. What should I use to spray newly set flue tobacco plants for flea beetle control in the fields?

A. Either DDD or dieldrin.

HALIFAX FARMER UPS SILAGE YIELD

Good cultural practices and liberal use of fertilizer have given J .T. Burton, Halifax County farmer, bumper yields of corn silage, C. L. Hall, county agent in Halifax, describes Burton's methods as follows:

He plants on good soils that are well-adapted to corn production, usually a field in a good crop rotation which calls for plowing down red clover in the fall . Although lime has been used in the rotation, another soil test is made and lime applied as needed well before planting time and worked ihto the soil. He spreads manure on the land during winter, and uses 400 pounds of 10-20-20 fertilizer per acre — 300 pounds worked into the soil before planting and 100 pounds in bands below the seed at planting time.

Mr. Burton uses recommended hybrids, of course, planting his seed 10 inches in the drill and 1 1-2 inches deep in rows 3 1-2 feet apart. He makes three shallow cultivations in rapid succession and when the corn is about knee-high he side-dresses with nitrogen at the rate of 95 pounds per acre.

Hall notes that at harvest time last summer the volume of silage was so great that the tractor had to move at reduced speed to keep the harvester from choking down. Twenty tons of silage per acre was the estimate and two 80-ton silos were filled from an area less than half that required some years ago. Had the corn been left for grain, Hall says, it would have been considerably more than 100 bushels per acre.

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